Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

OUR MISSION GATHERING TO GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, & SERVICE THROUGH CHRIST

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.
P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, the Huron and Raisin Rivers, Lakes Erie, Michigan, and Ford. Blessed are you.
C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you and help us to be a blessing to others!
C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

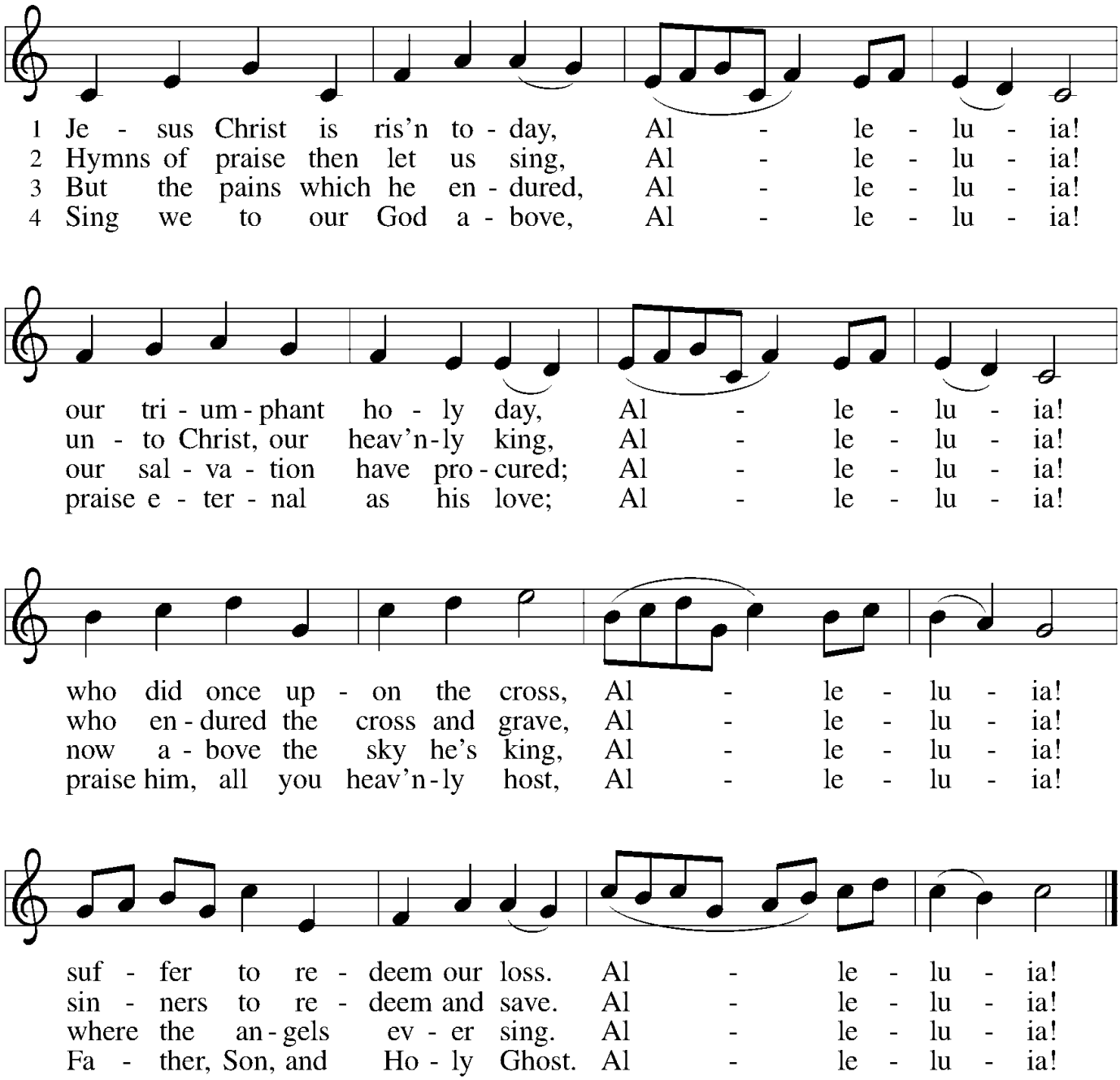
P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN — ELW 365

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

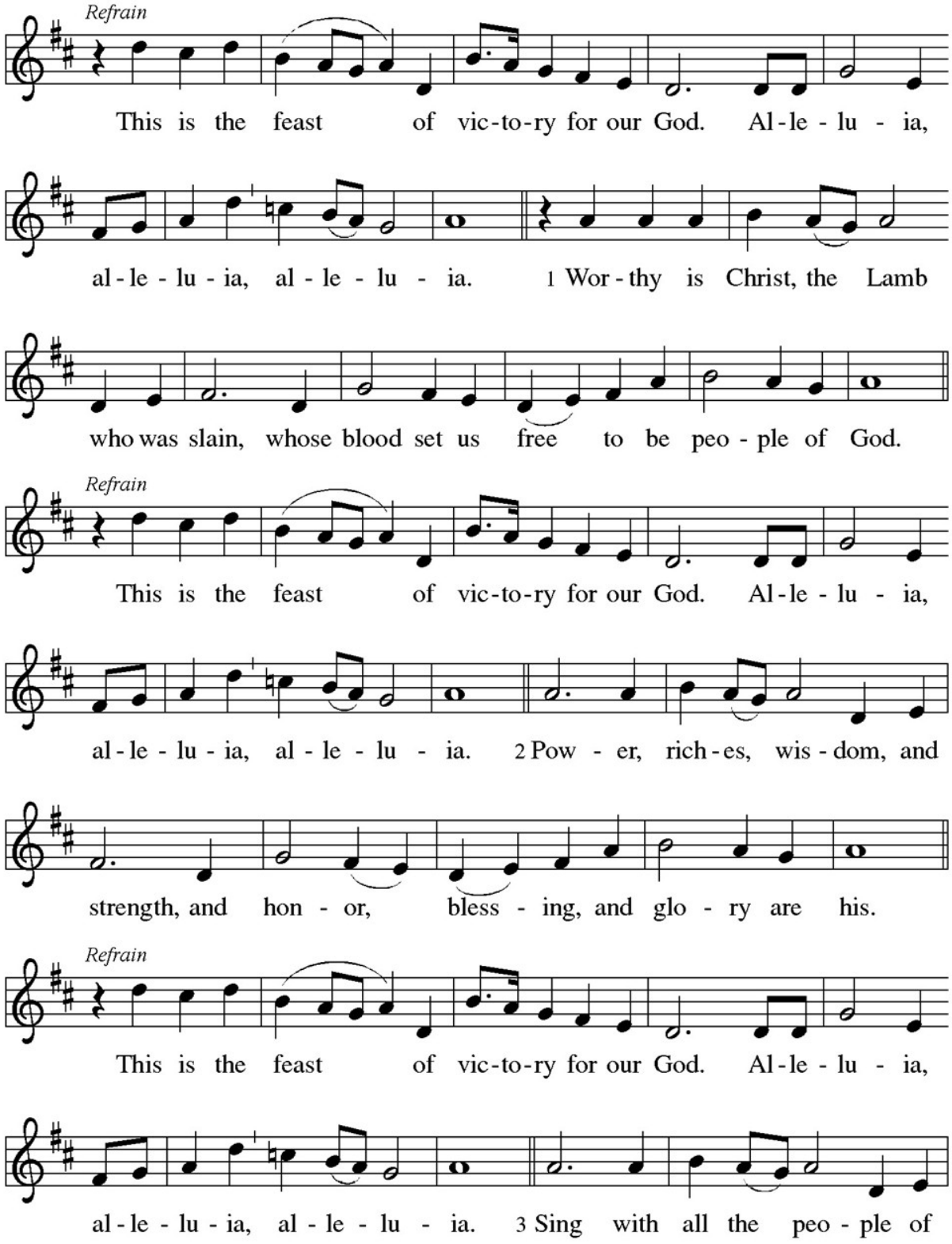
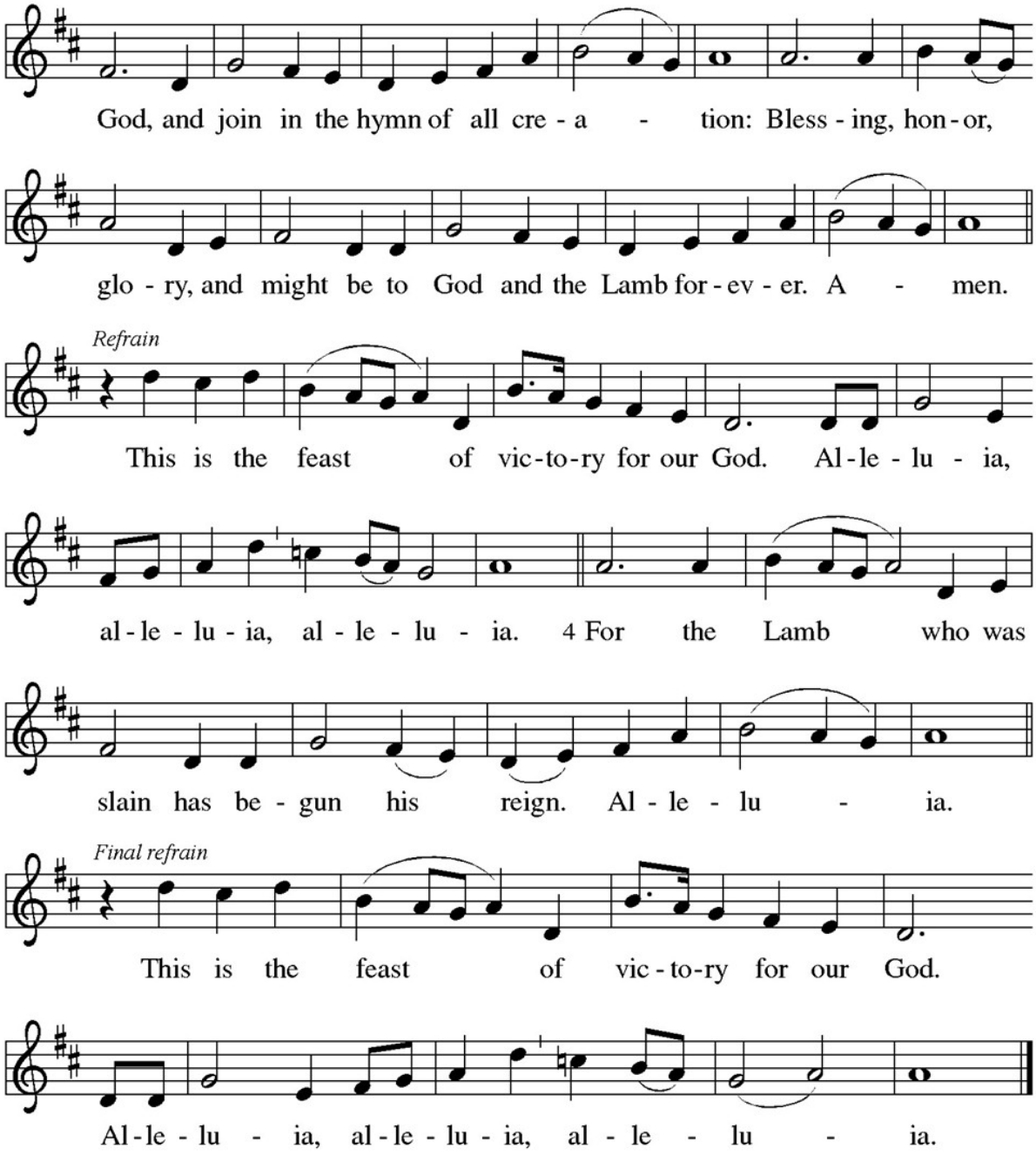

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!
who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A: A reading from Acts.

34 Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that
God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices
righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people
of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John
announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the
devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God
raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but
to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after
he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify
that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the
prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness
of sins through his name."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

P: 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
C: 2 Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
P: 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
C: 15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
P: 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: [17] **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**
P: [18] The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
C: [19] **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
P: [20] "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
C: [21] **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.
P: [22] The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
C: [23] **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
P: [24] This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

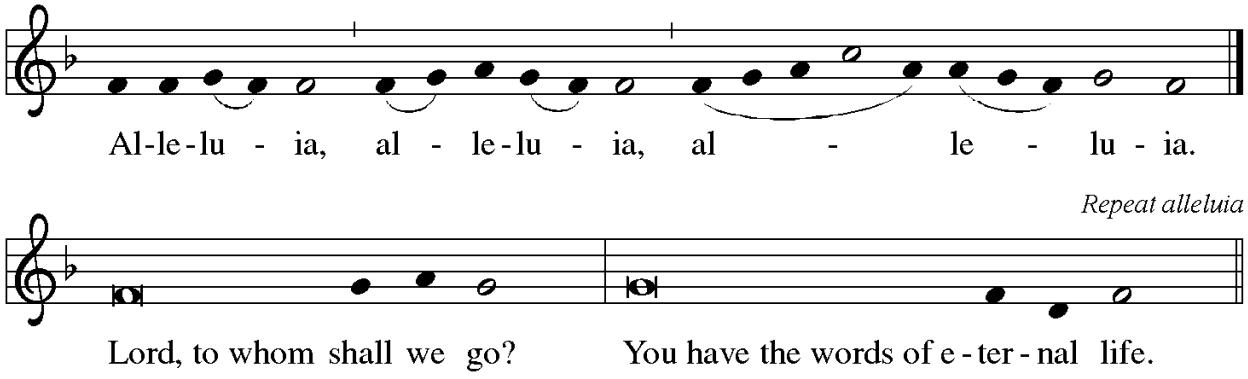
A: A reading from Colossians.

[1] If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, [3] for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake,
for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone
and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as
snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the
angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for
Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come,
see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been
raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will
see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and
great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said,
"Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped
him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and
sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

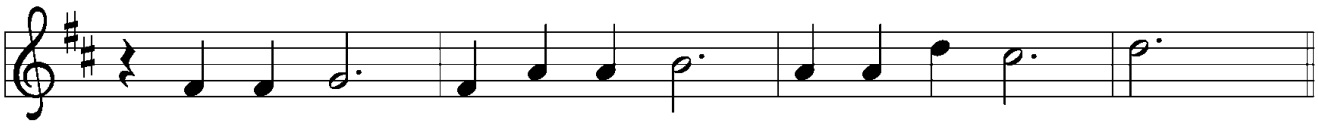
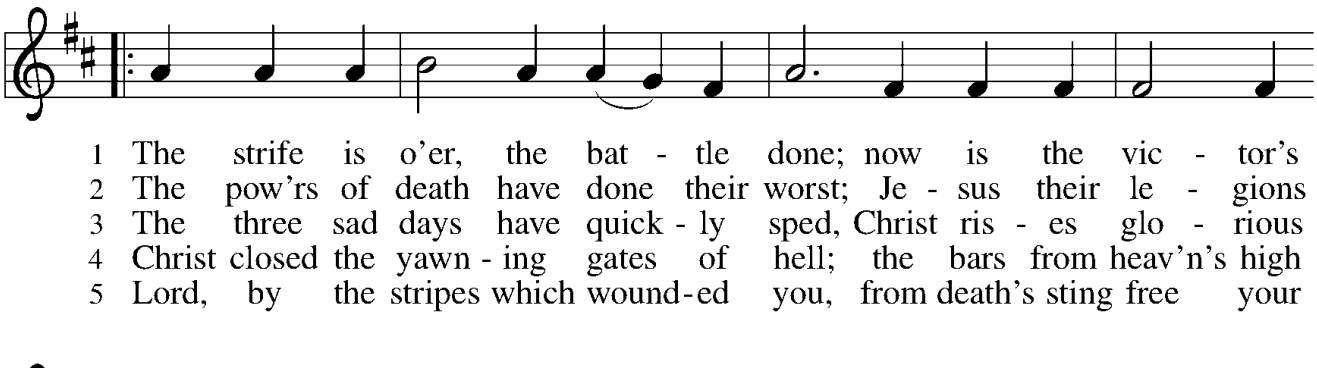
CHILDREN'S DEPARTURE

Youngsters leave for the music/activity in the Music/Education room.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 366

"The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done" (v.1-4)


1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your
tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia!
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al-le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al-le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al-le - lu - ia!

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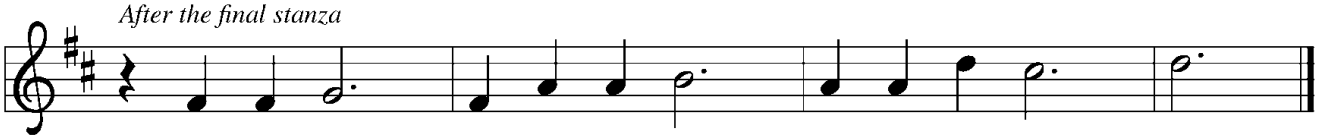
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Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, Barb, Suzanne, Eleanor, Dawn, Susan, Elizabeth, Caleb, and Michael. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

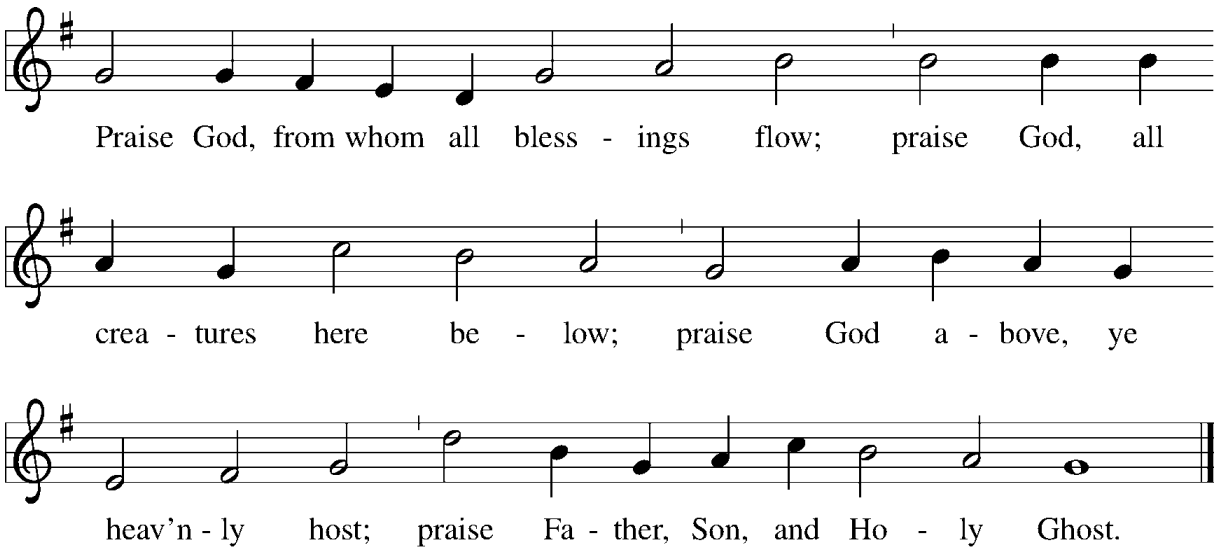
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor,
gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us,
a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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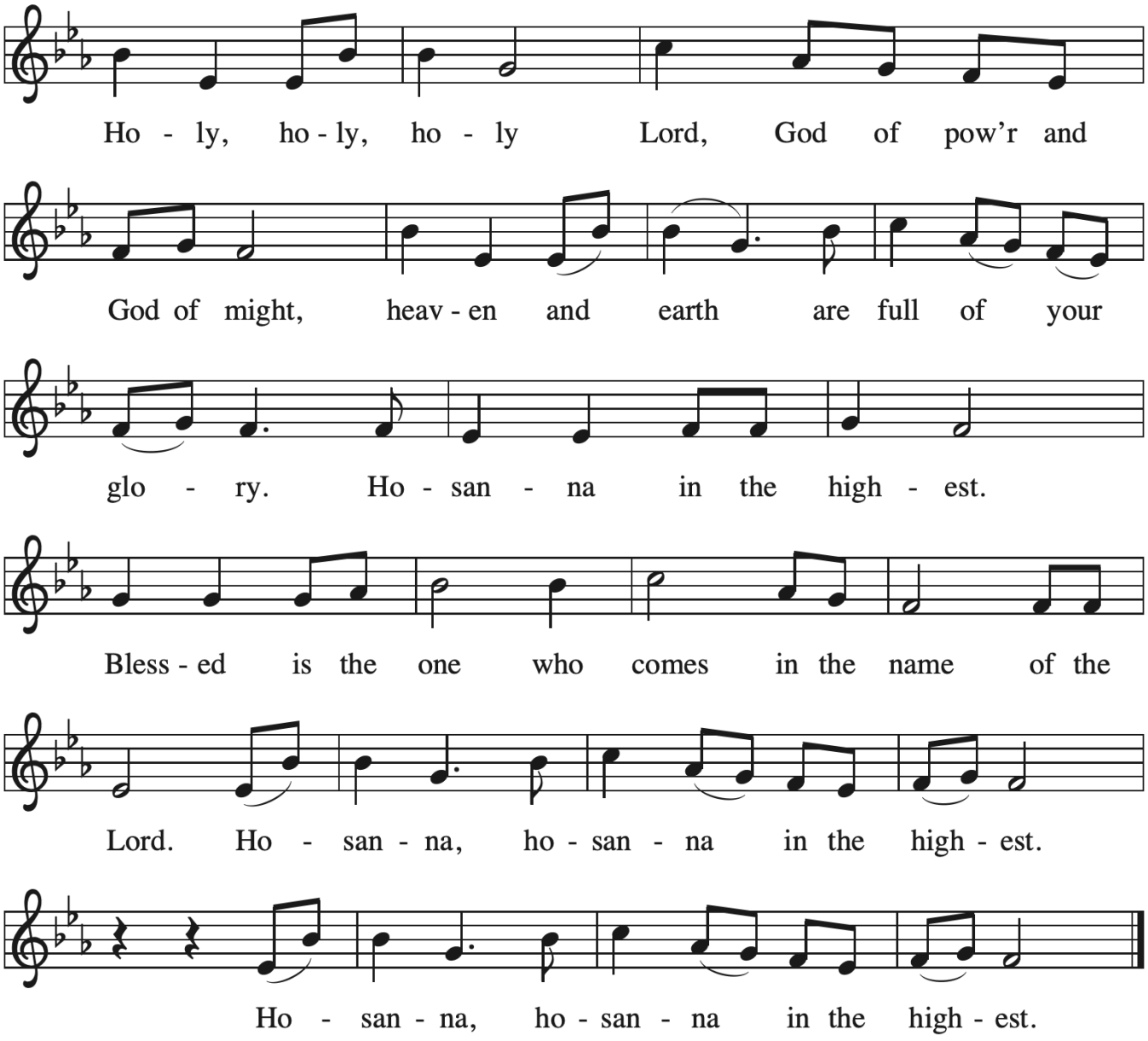

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

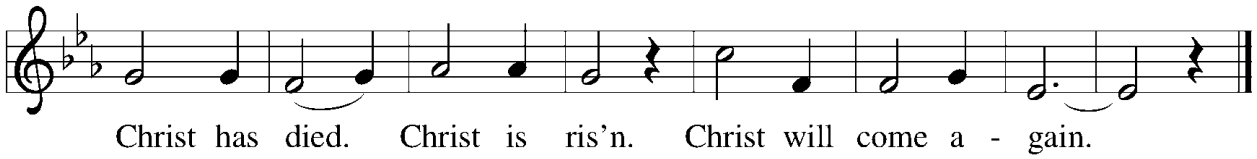
P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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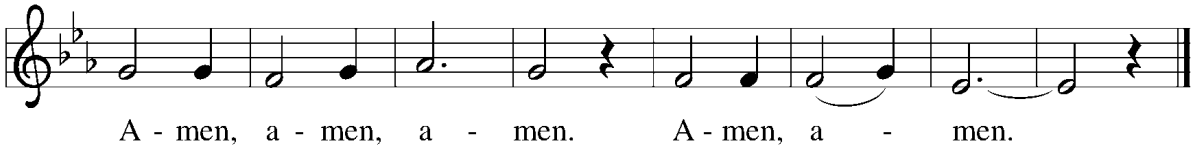
P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of
Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with
justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

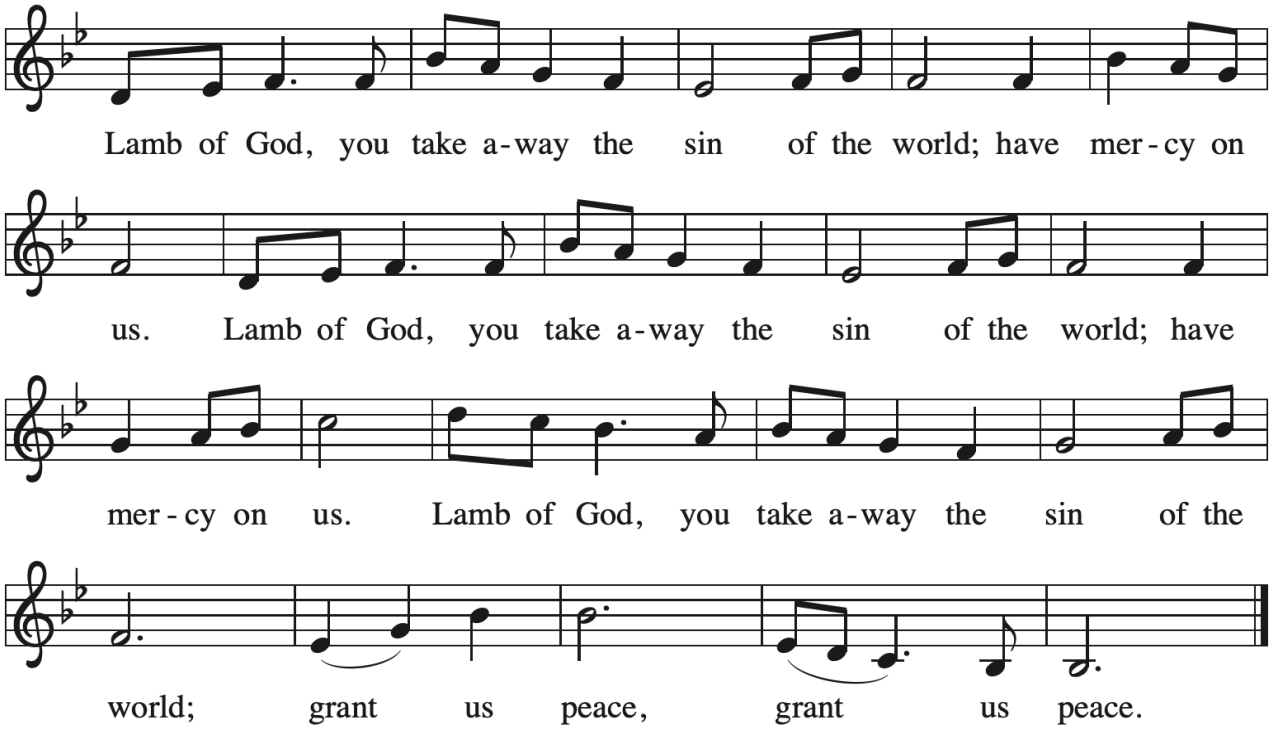
Let us pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – *"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain - Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.

Refrain

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there."

Refrain

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

Refrain

From African Lutheranism. Rev. Bernard Kyamanywa wrote the original Swahili text while he was in seminary in Tanzania. Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Swahili text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

C: Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

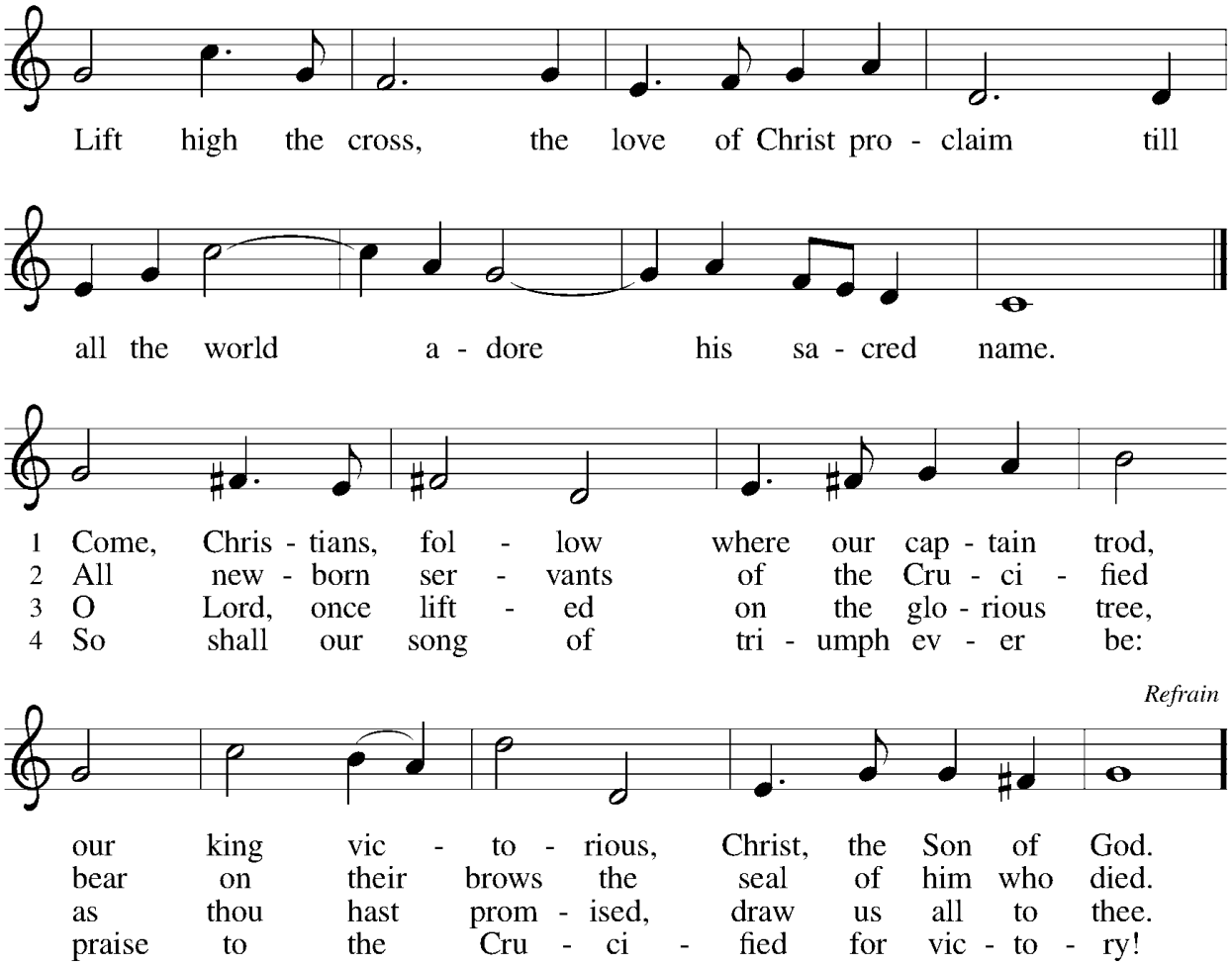
BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✢ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 660

"Lift High the Cross"


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Easter/Birthday Sunday

Please join us for a Easter/Birthday Brunch following the service.

Emmanuel Directory

We are going to start working on an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory, or you can email the church office. **We will not take changes after April 12th, so please get your information to the office ASAP!**

Maximizing Affordable Housing Availability in Washtenaw County: Assessing Current Issues and Possibilities

You are invited to attend this event on Affordable Housing on Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8:30-12:30, at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, MI, (1501 W. Liberty St.). Speakers will discuss the major factors that have contributed to the rise of the cost of housing in Washtenaw County, and explain how this affects families and individuals seeking housing. Speakers will address what they or their organizations are currently doing in order to make housing more affordable for our neighbors. And will share with us ways in which we, as individuals or as church congregations, can become involved in meaningful ways in helping make housing affordable in areas of Washtenaw County. Please see bulletin board outside the office for more information.

Social Concerns

The Food Pantry is still in need of plastic or paper bags and boxes at least 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches but no larger than 14 inches x 14 inches x 14 inches. Shoe boxes are NOT heavy enough. Please leave all donations at the Food Pantry shelves or the Clothes Closet bin (behind the green curtain) in the Gathering area. If donations are left at other areas of the church, including the basement, other groups that meet at the church could make a mess of the donations and cause the volunteers more work cleaning up the mess. The volunteers for the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are only at the church certain hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The scouts meet in the basement on Sunday nights and the kitchen is rented out various days of the week. So please do not leave anything in the basement. Thank you very much!

Food Gatherers Open Position for Food Runner/Driver

This is a full-time position (40hours/week). Typically, Monday – Friday 8am-4pm, but occasional weekends and special events may be required. Wage for this position is $20.00hr. To apply or for more information please visit jobs@foodgatherers.org, Applicants are encouraged to apply early as applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 3/29/26: 75 (sunny & chilly)

This past week (March 23 – March 29) we received income of: $3,439

Approved 2026 Budget: $301,796 *Needed Weekly:* $5,804

For the month of February we had:

- *Income:** $19,427
- *Expenses:* $25.027
- *February Balance:* $ (5,600)
  - *Negative Feb balance due to:*
    - Expenses exceeds income.
    - Ministry Growth Fund Feb report included.

Jan 1st through February 28th , we had:

- *Income:** $77,207
- *Expenses:* $50,630
- *YTD Balance:* $26,577
  - *Positive YTD balance due to:*
    - Income exceeds expenses.
    - Some members sending their entire pledge in January.
    - Ministry Growth Fund Feb report included.

Last year at February 28, 2025, our YTD balance was $30,268. Thank you for your support.

*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

2026 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2026 Altar flower sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the office. Once you sign-up for your date, put the form and money in the offering plate or office mailbox.

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office, Or through sign-up genius. Click here or Scan QR code

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Easter/Birthday Brunch 11:00am – Noon

Tuesday, April 7

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 8

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, April 9

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:00pm
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, April 10

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, April 11

- Washtenaw Refugee Welcome 10:00am- Noon

Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the members of Emmanuel, may God send protection and healing to those members in need.
Given by Lew Shock

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, Barb, Suzanne, Eleanor, Dawn, Susan, Elizabeth, Caleb, and Michael.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... Rev. Joshua Rinas
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Wendy Thompson

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OUR VISION

EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE STRIVE TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AS AN INCLUSIVE, VISIBLE, DYNAMIC BODY OF FAITH.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE VULNERABLE AND FOSTERING HOPE.

WE WILL GROW IN ENTHUSIASTIC DISCIPLESHIP AS WE WORSHIP, WELCOME, SERVE, AND STUDY.

You are welcome to connect to our wi-fi network – Emmanuel Guests

Contact us at info@emmanuelypsi.org
Or call us at 734-482-7121
Visit us at www.EmmanuelYpsi.org
Or @emmanuelypsi on Facebook

Easter Lily Dedications

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

In loving memory of ***Gary Spencer.***
Given by Kim and Charles Boyce

In loving memory of ***Gerry Kreiner.***
Given by Kim and Charles Boyce

In memory of ***our dear family members and friends who have joined the Church Triumphant.***
Given by Dennis and Monica Doerr

In honor of ***the family of God who worship, work, volunteer, serve, and lead at Emmanuel.***
Given by Dennis and Monica Doerr

In memory of ***the William Dusbiber family and the George Otto family.***
Presented by Melissa Hunt-Loy and Annette Lamb

In memory of ***Hewitt and Janice Hammer.***
Presented by the Maes Family

In memory of ***Reed and Barbara Maes.***
Presented by the Maes Family

In honor of ***my children, my grandchildren, and great grandchildren.***
Presented by Cheryl McGough

In memory of ***our sister, Patricia Timmons.***
Presented by McGough/Timmons Families

In memory of ***our parents, Bob and Doris Timmons.***
Presented by McGough/Timmons Families

In memory of ***my husband, Mike*** *and in honor of* ***my children and their families.***
Given by Sharon Meadows

In honor of ***my mom and dad, Mike and Sharon.***
Given by Ted Meadows

In honor of ***my children; Emma, Ty and Tessa.***
Given by Ted Meadows

In memory of ***Dorothy and Jeff Parks.***
Given by Rick and Nancy Parks

In memory of ***William and Lucille Prest.***
Given by Rick and Nancy Parks

In memory of ***my daughter, Lisa Rominski.***
Given with love, Karen Peters

In memory of ***my cousin, Phyllis Carty Meranuck.***
Given with love, Karen Peters

In loving memory of ***my father, Rev. Dean Beckwith.***
Presented by Karen Rickerman

In loving memory of ***my mother, Sue Kerstein.***
Presented by Karen Rickerman

In memory of ***my parents, Raymond and Wanda Andersen.***
Given by Corliss Shingledecker

In honor of ***my son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Maia Shingledecker.***
Given by Corliss Shingledecker

In honor of ***my grandson, Ty Scott Shingledecker and wife, Jordan; my grandson, Seth Shingledecker and finance Mereshe Methasani.***
Given by Corliss Shingledecker

In memory of ***Velma Levye.***
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

In memory of ***Debra Stower-McKenzie.***
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

In honor of ***the members of Emmanuel, may God send protection and healing to those members in need.***
Given by Lew Shock

In honor of ***the service men and women that protect our cities, states, and country. Father, protect them.***
Given by Lew Shock

In honor of ***our children and grandchildren.***
Given by Dick and Kathy Timmons

In memory of ***our parents, Jim and Hazel Howard; and Bob and Doris Timmons.***
Given by Dick and Kathy Timmons

In honor of ***our children and grandchildren; Mattheus, Jennifer, William, Emma and Molly; Heather, Steve, Caleb, Aidah.***
Given by Peter and Cindy Walline

In memory of ***parents and siblings; Bill and Jane Walline and David; Bud and Joyce Furtney and Gail.***
Given by Peter and Cindy Walline

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The Easter Lily

For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life – the spiritual essence of Easter.

History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.